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Here's..... Johnny!
By Randy Wright, Guest Editor



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- 7/8 Mike Ghouse
"Pluralism"
- 7/15 Bill Perryman
"The Rotary Foundation"
- 7/22 B.G. "Jug" Burkett
"Stolen Valor: How the Vietnam Generation Was Robbed of its Heroes and its History"

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/4SKIP JENKINS
- 7/6PHIL DYER
- 7/7JOHN ERNST
- 7/7AL GODWIN
- 7/12HOWARD SHAPIRO
- 7/13EARNEST BURKE
- 7/15DAVID BOWMAN
- 7/20 DWIGHT MCFOLIN
- 7/22MATT JACKSON
- 7/22JIM MONROE
- 7/24DOUG OTTO
- 7/26BRYAN STAMPER
- 7/30L.B. BROACH



EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

HER MAJESTY SUSAN wasn't gone after all! There she was, in her Miss Texas rehearsal finery, dinging us to order sometime in the first half hour. Turns out she still had to turn the gavel over to new President John Ernst. Since your editor of the day didn't know he was "it" until after the meeting started, he failed to note the exact time, since he was also photographer of the day, according to plan. Turns out our outstanding bulletin editor Chris Parr and his wife were hung up in Hong Kong on their return from China trip. Members speculated on whether that was a good thing or a bad thing.



Susan thanked Boyd Craig for greeting and called on Ean Sullivan to lead us in prayer and Bob Epstein the pledge. Then came new president John with about the third apology for failure to attend Susan's outgoing last week and reminder of District celebration on 7/7 and Board of Directors 7/8. Ean asked for help in packing Soap Box Derby cars for shipment to Akron. All history when you read this.



Looks like we are not getting rid of Sergeant-at-Arms Skip Jenkins. He presided over his last and/or first



introduction of guests of members and visiting Rotarians. See list.

John recognized Boys and Girls Clubs of Collin County representatives Cobi Gray and



Executive Tanya Greene and explained they would be receiving a check for



half the net proceeds of the Soap Box Derby. Your editor of the day got a photo instead of a \$ amount. Was it \$6K? John thanked the Plano Star Newspaper



and representative Stephanie Flemmons for their media support and sponsorship of the event.

Susan explained Miss Texas Pageant rehearsal was under way and she was in it "up to her ears," but all done by the Fourth of July. One final "thanks," then "bye-bye" as she introduced Past District Governor Herb Hoxie for a Rotary overview and induction ceremony.



Herb reported an earthshaking event at RI convention on June 23rd in Montreal where the group experienced a 5.0 magnitude earthquake (no injuries) as an introduction to incoming RI President Ray Klinginsmith's overview of the coming Rotary year. Ray will lead us in continuing to push for complete eradication of polio as part of our ongoing outreach to youth and young adults. The new year's theme is: "Building Communities-Bridging Continents."

Next year RI Convention is May 21-25 right here in New Orleans. Register early before 12/15 at www.Rotary.Org/Convention.

Herb reported that we have installed Linda Elliot as our new District 5810 Governor.

To get our installation of new officers and directors under way Herb explained that he had sponsored incoming president John as a Plano Rotary Club member in 1998 after a thorough background check. (Herb is former FBI Regional Director, you know.) Some way he retrieved (or contrived) the following recap and update of that investigation:

"I learned that he is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and SMU's Cox School of Business.

He has been engaged largely in non profit management with some forays in the for profit arena. He did serve four years as the Vice President of the Business Council for the United Nations in New York and had his own consulting firm for 14 years.

John's career has been in helping others accomplish their goals. He was a student and then later served on the staff of the international education group "Up With People" where he traveled with our daughter, Connie.

John had no noticeable scars or marks. His Social Security Number was such and such. Credit and criminal checks were favorable.

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Here's..... Johnny! continued...

He had moved to Collin County in 1989. His photo had not appeared in display cages at local post offices. He was a registered voter who conscientiously voted in local elections. Local court records revealed no outstanding judgments and Maribelle Davis advised that he had no overdue books from the Plano Public Library. I even learned that the registry for sex offenders in his zip code did not include his name.

All in all it appeared that John Ernst was an honorable person!

His daughter, Jamie, is now a school teacher and his son, Philip, has just graduated from high school and will be attending Collin College this year."

Herb observed that while Susan Shuler has been conscientious in presiding as president this year there have been occasions when she found it necessary to be absent and John filled in admirably. As a past district governor Herb knows that District Governors traditionally have three pipe dreams regarding communications to club presidents. i.e., "That messages will (1) be opened, (2) be read and (3) be acted upon." Herb is confident that John will fulfill all these dreams.



Herb went on to conduct John's installation and then read the names of our other new officers and directors as they came to the front to be installed. (See our new list on page 3.) He challenged them as follows:

- As Officers and Directors will you make the necessary decisions within the Constitution and Bylaws of the Plano Rotary Club?
- Will you provide **BOLD LEADERSHIP** so that those decisions become reality?
- Will you endeavor that this next Rotary Year be one of **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**, keeping the object of Rotary before you and using the Four Way Test as your guide?
- As you carry out the Presidential theme will you assure that the Plano community is a better place in which to live, work and play because of the presence of the Plano Rotary Club?



Once Herb declared everyone properly installed our entire membership stood and affirmed that they would support these new officers and directors in carrying out their duties in response to the following query from Herb:



"You have heard the challenges, questions and answers given. Are you ready to accept the leadership of these Officers and Directors as you strive together to make this a better world for all mankind?"



SO, NOW, JOHN IS PRESIDENT!
Susan comes up to pass him the gavel and John responds and provides Susan with a plaque with a gavel firmly attached so she can't use it any more. (Did you ever notice how that works?)



But wait... there is more. John had a neat speech in which he observed that, "When speaking at Rotary one should never miss a good chance to shut up."

Before that observation he acknowledged his long time friendship with installing officer Herb Hoxie and talked about how it feels to be at the beginning of a rotary presidency: "Kinda like the soap box derby racer at the top of the ramp looking down... scary and exciting."



He explained our support of Rotary International's polio program and the progress from 350,000 cases of polio worldwide 20 years ago to only 349 reported cases last year. John will lead us in supporting the RI motto "Building Communities-Bridging Continents" by helping us concentrate on building within our local community. We will continue our support of Memorial Elementary and the charities we have traditionally supported and engage in events and activities that provide us all better ways to serve our community.



John wants us to build a stronger understanding of Rotary and ensure that our new members become **ROTARIANS**. He spoke about our accomplishments in past years and how we can build on them to create a more effective future. He encouraged all of us to consider how we, as individuals could achieve our goals for the community through Rotary. Then he shared with us a number of tidbits from one of the men he admires most, Will Rogers. To wit:

"If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there. AND always drink upstream from that same herd." And:

"If you're around a campfire or in a board meeting, if you find yourself in a hole, stop digging!" (And more.)

In concluding, John charged us with the challenge his father extended to him: "To be good and be kind, to learn from victories,



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but more importantly from defeats, to love unabashedly and without reserve, to live passionately and in service to others, and to pursue wholeheartedly

that which makes us better people."

Then, we had Earnest and Bob with a golf tournament challenge: **RAISE \$250K IN 2010** and triple our number of scholarships for the Hendrick Foundation. I'm sure we will hear more about how we are going to do that. It will be incredible!

After another thank you for the opportunity to serve, John led us in the Four Way Test and dinged us out of there at 12:49.

SPECIAL EDITOR REQUEST: If you took photos of Randy and Diana in the parade, please email to Randy@KingTut.US. Thanks



Jamie Ernst
John Ernst



Philip Ernst
John Ernst



Helen Hoxie
Herb Hoxie



Monica Snell
John Ernst



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Genevieve
Dunlap
Lee Dunlap



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GUESTS 1 JULY 2010

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Cobi Gray - John Ernst
Bob Pikna - Kirk Bell
Matt Shaw - John Shaw
Jerry Weiss - John Ernst
Gerald Weis - John Ernst
Tanya Green - John Ernst
Monica Snell - John Ernst
Stephanie Flemmons - John Ernst

*Know someone who would
make a great Rotarian?*

*Invite them to be your guest
at Rotary!*

The 4 Way Test:

Of the things we think, say, and do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Member NEWS

AWARDS:

Harold Sullivan Award
Chris Parr

Athena Award
Alice Hobbs 2008-09

Fred Moses Award
Richard Butterfly

**Business Executive
of the Year**
Gary Base

Kersey Cane Holder:
Earl Simpkins

Citizen of the Year:

Beth Duncan Webb

Rotary Make Up Website:
www.rotaryclubone.org

New Member Proposals:

Carrolyn Moebius
Classification - Community Volunteer
Proposed By - Skip Jenkins

Nancy Humphrey
Classification - Community Volunteer
Proposed By - Skip Jenkins

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